

## Sailors help fulfill aquarium's mission

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Naval Aircrewman Mechanical 1st Class Micah Siegfried of Patrol Squadron Nine, Information Systems Technician Seaman Cara Arsenault of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS PAC), and Information Systems Technician Seaman Apprentice Austin Duncan of NCTAMS PAC are three Sailors who consistently give their time to deliver an adventure to every Waikiki Aquarium visitor.

The Waikiki Aquarium is a small venue tucked away on Kalakaua Avenue, but big things can come in small packages.

"I like how there are so many different species of fish. It gives me a challenge to learn them all. I enjoy interacting with the public and sharing stories about the aquarium, fish and the island," said Siegfried, who first started volunteering this past January, shortly after his wife began volunteering at the aquarium.

All three Sailors recognize the valuable knowledge and experience that is offered at the Waikiki Aquarium. Their dedication and commitment has not gone unnoticed. Evangeline White, volunteer program coordinator, said the Sailors are an

integral part of the aquarium's operations. "These volunteers help in every department. They are flexible, very talented and willing to help with whatever needs to be done," White said.

Siegfried is one of the aquarium interpreters who works at the "Edge of the Reef" exhibit. He provides information about his exhibit and the different types of sea life throughout the aquarium. He shares a wealth of knowledge with visitors and interesting facts like an octopus' ability to camouflage itself by changing its color to blend into its environment, the many different types of coral, or how to correctly pronounce the name of the state fish, a reef triggerfish named humuhumunukunukuapua'a.

Siegfried and all aquarium interpreters participate in an eight-session training course that equips each volunteer with the knowledge to assist visitors and enhance their experience. Arsenault, who has only been in the Navy for a little over a year, started her volunteer service this past February as a gift shop cashier. Inda Soediamto, the gift shop manager, spoke highly of Arsenault. "Cara is very smart, very good with customers and a friendly person. She is energetic and easy to work with," Soediamto said.



Photo courtesy of Waikiki Aquarium

Arsenault is currently training to be an aquarium interpreter. She can share information about many different fish and particularly the newest aquarium exhibit, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. Her energy, love of animals and pleasant attitude makes her an easy fit in this environment. "I love the aquarium. The training I receive is very exciting because it is hands on. What makes the Waikiki Aquarium so enjoyable, besides its personnel, is the interaction with the various fish, coral

and mammals they have on display. There's a lot of things in this specific aquarium that you can't find anywhere else in the world," Arsenault said.

Duncan, also new in the Navy, is one of the substitute gift shop cashiers and also assists with various social events such as Earth Day, Ocean Literacy and

Season of the Sea. He started volunteering in April of this year and has found this type of work very beneficial. "This volunteer opportunity has helped me with my people skills, and motivated me to get more involved within the community," Duncan said.

In the midst of their work and watch-standing schedule, these Sailors all find time to give back. Siegfried, Arsenault and Duncan give their time to support the aquarium's mission "to inspire and promote understanding, appreciation and conservation of Pacific marine life."





# Santa Fe outlasts Reuben James in Afloat showdown

Story and photo by  
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*Sports Editor*

USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) got four interceptions from its defense, and quarterback Chief Culinary Specialist Sal Williamson tossed for two touchdowns and ran in for two more to gain a 26-14 victory over USS Reuben James (FFG 57) in an Afloat Flag Football League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 26.

The win boosted Santa Fe's league record to 9-1 and kept them in the hunt for the regular-season title, while the loss for Reuben James dropped their record to 6-4 and may have crippled their chances for a playoff berth.

"It's perseverance. That's what we do," said Williamson about the team's win. "The defense stepped up, and we just try to maintain our offense and try to score more points than they do."

From the beginning of the game, the Santa Fe defense came up with enough big plays to frustrate the Reuben James offense and its quarterback, Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) Fireman Josh Frescas.

While Santa Fe was forced to punt the ball away on their opening drive of the game, their defense immediately put the offense back on the field, when Electronics Technician 2nd Class Lan Nguyen picked off Frescas to set up a fresh set of downs at the Reuben James 39-yard line.

Facing third and goal at the 31, Williamson came up with a clutch pass to Sonar Technician (Submarine) 3rd Class Jared Wittchow that placed the ball at Reuben James six-yard line.

On fourth and goal, Williamson scrambled out of the pocket and raced past the



USS Santa Fe (SSN 763) wide receiver Culinary Specialist Seaman Tremell DeBerry tries to make a catch after beating USS Reuben James (FFG 57) defensive back Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) Fireman Joshua Harp in an Afloat Flag Football League game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 26.

goal line for a touchdown and a 7-0 lead after the team's converted point after touchdown (PAT).

Although Reuben James' first series ended on a turnover, the team responded on its second drive by marching 65 yards on five plays to tie the score at 7-7.

The big play on the drive came on a 25-yard completion from Frescas to Gas Turbine System Technician (Mechanical) Fireman Joshua Harp.

The pass set up a short one-yard toss into the end zone to Operations Specialist Seaman Apprentice Dylan Kinsley.

On its next drive, Santa Fe wasted little time in getting back the lead, as Williamson directed a 65-yard drive on seven plays that ended with an eight-yard pass to Wittchow for six.

The converted PAT gave Santa Fe a 14-7 lead going

into halftime.

In the second half, Santa Fe's offense hit a sticking point, but its defense kept the lead intact by stopping the Reuben James on their first two drives with interceptions by Electronics Technician Seaman Vince Ropa and Torpedoman's Mate Fireman Brandon Taylor.

Still, after Santa Fe was

shutdown on their third straight series, Frescas finally made his opponent pay, when on first down at his own 32, Reuben James QB went over the top and connected with Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class Chris White for six.

The team converted its extra point to make the score even at 14-14.

The score seemed to wake

the Santa Fe's offense from slumber, as Williamson finally got things rolling once again.

After gaining a first down at the 40, Williamson let fly a long bomb down the left sideline toward Culinary Specialist Seaman Tremell DeBerry, who made a leaping grab and waltzed the final 10 yards into the end zone for a 20-14 lead.

"I was looking for the safety to bite," said Williams about the go-ahead TD pass to DeBerry. "We had already beat him one time and I told DeBerry we were getting him over the top. DeBerry went up there and caught it. I just threw it."

Another pick by Nguyen set up Santa Fe's final scoring drive of the day.

This time, Williamson hooked up with Machinist's Mate Fireman Brad Canetti on a pass play for 44 yards and a first down at the eight, before the QB took it in himself for his second rushing touchdown.

The win just about secures Santa Fe's entrance into the postseason, but may have devastated Reuben James' hopes of gaining the fourth and final playoff spot, as they fell two games behind the current fourth-place team USS Chosin (CG 65) with only approximately two weeks remaining in the season.

White said that the defeat was especially frustrating since he felt it was a game that Reuben James could have won.

"This was disappointing because I felt like if we made a few extra plays, we could have walked away with the win," he said. "We played good enough to win."



# Ne Koa Ke Kai survives scare to remain unbeaten

Story and photo by  
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Sports Editor

For the second time this month, Ne Koa Ke Kai scored a touchdown in the final minute of play to complete a dramatic comeback and remain unbeaten in the Ashore Flag Football League.

Like in its previous near defeat, the duo of quarterback Lt. j.g. Doug Hawk and Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Will Francia corroborated on the game-winning touchdown, as Ne Koa Ke Kai came back from two scores behind to sneak past Pacific Command/ Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC), 21-20, at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 28.

The win kept Ne Koa Ke Kai at the top of the division with the league's only unblemished mark of 8-0.

Meanwhile, despite the heartbreaking loss, PACOM/JIOC remained in the hunt for one of the division's four playoff berths.

Currently, PACOM/JIOC is tied for third place with Commander United States Pacific Fleet (COM-PACFLT) at 6-2. COM-PACFLT is the only other team to push Ne Koa Ke Kai to the brink of defeat, but fall on a last-minute dagger, courtesy of the Hawk-Francia jinx.

"This is probably our biggest win so far," said Hawk about the team's latest cardiac comeback. "We came back and won against COMPAC Fleet, but this one really shows what this team is about."

Early on, the game seemed to belong to PACOM/JIOC, as the joint command put back-to-back methodical drives together to gain a 14-0 lead going into halftime.



Ne Koa Ke Kai quarterback Lt. j.g. Doug Hawk sweeps past a defender during the team's Ashore Flag Football League matchup against Pacific Command/Joint Intelligence Operation Center (PACOM/JIOC) at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 28.

On the first series of the game, quarterback Army Sgt. Robert Sanchez directed a ground-gaining, clock-eating drive that took nine plays and covered 65 yards for a touchdown.

The final play went for three yards and a touchdown on a pass from Sanchez to Senior Airman Nick Sato.

Then after Ne Koa Ke Kai stalled on their first drive at the PACOM/JIOC 11-yard line, Sanchez went back to work and managed another meticulous set of downs that traveled 69 yards on 10 plays and finished with a four-yard pass from Sanchez to Staff Sgt. Matt Ryan.

In the second half, Ne

Koa Ke Kai began the long march back with a swift four-play drive that covered 65 yards and a score.

Hawk went three-for-three on passes to start off the series, before finding Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Robert Stirrup in the end zone on a six-yard hookup for six.

While Ne Koa Ke Kai's

offense ate up yards in chunks, by contrast, PACOM/JIOC continued their businesslike advances and went back out in front by 14 after completing a 12-play, 65-yard drive to pay dirt.

Sanchez threw to Ryan on a short three-yard completion for the touchdown and a 20-6 advantage.

The seemingly insurmountable odds did nothing to deter the efforts of Na Koa Ke Kai, as the team pulled back to within six points after Hawk followed up a 10-yard run for a touchdown by completing a two-point conversion on a pass to Francia.

Then after forcing PACOM/JIOC to punt with under 50 seconds remaining in the game, Hawk connected with Yeoman 2nd Class Clinton Miller for a five-yard gain before hitting Francia with a 36-yard bomb to tie the score with only 36 seconds on the clock.

"I knew that their safety was playing shallow, so I pump-faked at least two times, came back and I knew Will was going to be in the corner, so I just let it go," said Hawk about the touchdown. "That guy (Will) just finds the ball in the open spot. I just put the ball to where he can get to it and he makes the play."

Hawk completed the long comeback by finding Yeoman 1st Class Damien Sagapolou with a short pass to tack on the point after touchdown and a 21-20 advantage.

Although PACOM/JIOC received one final chance to regain the lead, their hopes were dashed when Miller intercepted a Sanchez pass to end the game.

"This is real hard because we had this game won," Sanchez said. "Forty-two seconds left, we should have run the clock out."

Following the game, Hawk stated that the victory points to the team's unwillingness to give up.

"Each game, it's just persistence," he said. "Even though our guys make mistakes, we still trust each other. We know our guys are going to be in the next play and that's what we rely on. We're just going to keep doing what we do."

# Streaking 15th MXS topples 561st NOS Det. 1

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Airman 1st Class Aaron Maxwell, quarterback for the 15th Maintenance Squadron (15 MXS), is brimming with confidence and, after the way his team dispatched division-leading 561st Network Operation Squadron Det. 1 (561 NOS), it isn't hard to understand why.

Maxwell, starting in only his third game at QB, threw for four touchdowns and rushed for another to help the second-place 15 MXS avenge an early-season defeat and upend the division-leading NOS, 27-19, in a Hickam Gold Division game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 29.

The victory drew the 15 MXS, whose record now stands at 8-3, one game closer to the first-place NOS, who holds a 9-2 mark in the division with around two weeks remaining in the regular season.

"This was big for us since they beat us the first time," Maxwell said. "In that first game, we came down into the red zone, but couldn't come through."

Initially against the NOS, things didn't start well for the 15 MXS, as the 561, led by quarterback Master Sgt. Keone Peneku, took the opening drive and marched 65 yards on only



Staff Sgt. Ricardo Goodwyn, receiver and defensive back for the 15th Maintenance Squadron (15 MXS), tries to make a fingertip grab in the back of the end zone during the team's matchup versus the 561st Network Operation Squadron Det. 1 (561 NOS) in a Hickam Gold Division game at Ward Field, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on Nov. 29.

five plays to get on the scoreboard first.

After misfiring on his first pass, Peneku connected on three straight tosses, before finding Senior Airman Stephen Daniel with an eight-yard lob for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead.

The drive was answered by the 15 MXS, as Maxwell drove the team to the NOS eight-yard line on seven

plays, then on fourth and goal, came up with a clutch pass to Staff Sgt. Ricardo Goodwyn for a touchdown.

The converted point after touchdown (PAT) put the 15 MXS out in front at 7-6.

With the offense for the 15 MXS in sync, the team's defense began to put things together and came up with tough back-to-back

stands to slowly turn the tide into the squad's favor.

First, the big "D" stepped up and stopped the NOS on downs at their own 39.

Starting with good field position, Maxwell took advantage of the situation and needed only two plays to break the NOS goal line and a 14-6 lead.

On the drive, Maxwell

completed his first pass to the NOS 26, and then hooked up with Staff Sgt. Artis Gandy for the score.

Back on the field, the 15 MXS defense came up with another big stop, when Goodwyn intercepted a Peneku pass near midfield and helped set up Maxwell with another short field at the NOS three-yard line.

"That was pretty big," Peneku admitted. "No excuses, but the ball that I had was a flat ball. I didn't know until I got the snap, and it had too much air underneath. They made the best of it. They are a good team."

On the first play from scrimmage after the pick, Maxwell hit Senior Airman Matt Kennedy with a short toss for six and a 20-6 lead heading into halftime.

In the second half, the NOS seemed to get right back in the game, when the team covered 50 yards on six plays and scored on a 10-yard keeper by Peneku – drawing to within seven after the PAT.

However, on the 15 MXS's first play from scrimmage at its own 15, Maxwell aired it out and heaved a long bomb down the middle of the field toward Airman 1st Class John Barlow.

Fighting off a defender, Barlow made a leaping grab of the pass and then easily outran coverage into the end zone.

"Seems like everybody got the wind knocked out of

them," said Peneku about the 15 MXS's fifth and final touchdown of the game. "But that's OK. We're still sitting on top, and we'll see what happens in the playoffs."

Maxwell agreed with Peneku that the long bomb to Barlow made have been the straw that broke the camel's back.

"I was scrambling and I saw him (Barlow) at the last second," Maxwell stated. "Luckily, I got the ball off right when he (NOS defender) grabbed my flag."

Although the NOS did manage to score one final touchdown in the last two minutes of the game, it wasn't enough to catch the 15 MXS.

"It was probably my fault," said Peneku about the loss. "I kind of went to the deep (ball) and I should have just stayed with what was working, which was short routes. I kind of got greedy because they scored pretty quick."

With the playoffs right around the corner, Maxwell said that beating the division-leading NOS should give his team a big boost heading into the postseason.

"This gives us a lot of momentum," Maxwell said. "After our third loss of the season, we've been on a roll. Really, it's been better play all around. I think we'll go on to the championship game. I wouldn't say that we'll win it, but we'll definitely get there."

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## Schedule of upcoming blood drives announced

The Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) plays a key role in providing quality blood products for service members and their families. Upcoming ASBP drives include:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 7, U.S. Coast Guard Sand Island, Honolulu.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 8, Naval Computer and

Telecommunications Area Master Station (NCTAMS) gym, 500 Center St., Wahiawa.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 13, 18th MEDCOM Fort Shafter Flats.
- 9 a.m. to noon Dec. 19, 599th Transportation Brigade Wheeler, 352 Sterling Road.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 21,

Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), oceanside lobby entrance, 1 Jarrett White Road, room 2A207.

Appointments are available daily at Schofield Barracks. For more information, call 433-6148, email Michele.lele@amedd.army.mil or visit the website [www.militaryblood.dod.mil](http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil).



# Air Force master sergeant honored as Hawaii Red Cross Hero

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The Hawaii Red Cross saluted Air Force Master Sgt. Chandra Mark by honoring her as one of the Hawaii Red Cross Heroes of 2011. One of five total recipients, Mark was the representative in the “military hero” category for her lone execution of the first-ever Command Surgeon Command and Control Center in response to the tsunami and ensuing disaster in Japan, according to the Hawaii Red Cross website.

“[We kept it] fully staffed with people able to reach out to Army, Navy and Marines,” Mark said. “[It was] a share point shareable among all branches of service.”

Mark is superintendent of information management technology for the medical support division, office of the command surgeon, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

The CSCCC was invaluable during the aftermath of the tsunami, allowing all branches of the military to communicate and disseminate information quickly and easily. This included accounting for and gaining



U.S. Navy photo by Don Robbins

Air Force Master Sgt. Chandra Mark (left) and her family members volunteer by serving apples, juice and tea at a kau kau wagon Thanksgiving of Hope event that took place Nov. 26 at Gateway Park at the corner of Hotel and Bethel Streets in Honolulu’s Chinatown.

knowledge of the numbers of American citizens, both civilian and military, in Japan and the Pacific. CSCCC was able to send mental health staff to Japan to help military personnel as well as civilians.

“It allowed the surgeon general and all of the medical leadership in the Pacific [to communicate],”

Mark said. “It allowed joint cross talk and [for everyone] to know what was going on.”

Mark credited the creation of the CSCCC to years of medical readiness training. The operation and success of the CSCCC meant the Air Force, Army and Navy could work together to provide aid for 25,000 people, according to the

Hawaii Red Cross website.

“I always tell her, ‘Chandra I always feel better when your smile’s around because I know everything’s going to be all right,’” said Col. Adolf Edward, Chief of medical support for PACAF Headquarters. “She really pushes for things to get accomplished at a much higher level than we expect.”

Mark somehow manages to devote whatever spare time she has to 12 different volunteer organizations both on base and in the community, helping military members, their families, youth and many more.

“Her level of excitement, her energy, as well as her need for excellence comes across in everything she does,” Edward said. “I tell her she must have a twin because she is everywhere.”

Some of those organizations are Habitat for Humanity, USO, Safe Haven, Actively Integrating Nutrition and Agriculture in Schools, African American Diversity Cultural Center of Hawaii, Pacific Air Museum, Military Youth Action Council and Tuskegee Airmen. Mark believes that it is easy to give time to organizations such as these because there is so much need in Hawaii. She has even brought along her

son to serve meals to the homeless.

It’s for all of these accolades that the Hawaii Red Cross recognized Mark. Only three other people (and an American Red Cross Human Animal Bond therapy dog) received the honor in 2011. The local Red Cross chapter held a Red Cross Heroes Breakfast at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa to honor the five community heroes as well as give out five community volunteer awards.

Mark said that what she does in her volunteer work is fundamental.

“It’s something that I’ve always done,” Mark said. “I feel that service before self is not only an Air Force value, but it’s a life value.”

Mark and her family members volunteered for a kau kau wagon Thanksgiving of Hope event that took place Nov. 26 at Gateway Park at the corner of Hotel and Bethel Streets in Honolulu’s Chinatown. They joined other volunteers, serving food and beverages to the needy at the park, as part of a special day of giving and aloha.

“I volunteered for this event because I have so much to be thankful for,” Mark said.

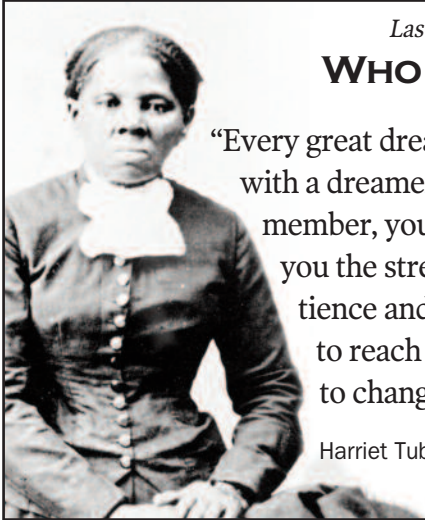
## Hickam Finance Office will change hours

The Hickam Finance Office is changing its hours. Beginning Dec. 5, the new hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. As always, finance will open at 9 a.m. on Warrior Fridays.

Continue to send customer service inquiries to 15cpts.fmf2@hickam.af.mil. If you have a complicated issue that may take additional time to resolve, contact Master Sgt. Michael Donaldson at Michael.donaldson@hickam.af.mil or 449-0331 to schedule an appointment.

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**WHO SAID IT?**

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

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🎪 NO BULL RODEO

The Country Bar will hold its version of the rodeo from 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday. There will be free line dancing competitions and prizes for the best-dressed cowboy and cowgirl. FMI: 473-0841.

🎪 DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Digital photography classes will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 6 and 13 and 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 8 and 15 at the Hickam Arts and Crafts Center. Participants must have their own digital SLR camera. FMI: 448-9907.

🎪 PEARL HARBOR DAY WITH LIBERTY

Join Pearl Harbor Day at Liberty for the Arizona Memorial tour and remembrance on Dec. 7. This free event is for single active-duty service members only. Depart Beeman Center and Liberty Express at 5 p.m., Instant Liberty and 5:15 p.m., and Makai Rec Center at 5:30 p.m. FMI: 473-2583.

🎪 YOGA BY THE SEA

Stretch your way through a free yoga session with the sounds and scents of the sea from 6 to 7 p.m. Dec. 9 on the lawn adjacent to Sea Breeze Restaurant. FMI: 448-2214.

🎪 START SAILING RIGHT

Learn the ins and outs of sailing at the adult start sailing right course from 1 to 5 p.m. Dec. 10-11 and 17-18 at Rainbow Bay Marina. Sign up by Dec. 9. The cost of \$50 per person for ages 18 and older includes class materials and boat rental/instruction. FMI: 473-0279.

🎪 DAY HIKE

A day hike through bamboo and banyans will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 10 at Nuuanu Judd/Hidden Palace. Sign up by Dec. 8 through the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center-Fleet Store. The cost is \$10 per person. Bring mosquito repellent and shoes to accommodate hiking through mud. FMI: 473-1198.

🎪 MOONLIGHT PADDLE

Glide silently across the water, and soak in the evening at a moonlight paddle from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 10 through MWR Outdoor Recreation-Hickam Harbor. The cost is \$20 per person. Sign up by Dec. 6. The trip includes kayaks, gear and is led by professional guides. FMI: 449-5215.

For more information on events, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).

Community Calendar

🌟 December

🌟 2 ~ A History Channel documentary premiere “Pearl Harbor 24 Hours After” will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center movie theaters. Admission is free, but reservations are required. FMI: 954-8721.

🌟 3 ~ The Hickam Officers’ Spouses’ Club will host “Snack with Santa” from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ka Makani Community Center, 1215 Owens St. The event is a gift to the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam community and is free, but tickets are required to attend the event. Space is limited. FMI: <http://snackwithsanta2011.eventbrite.com/>

🌟 4 ~ *Kamaaina* (Hawaii resident) and Military Day will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Admission is free. A limited block of USS Arizona Memorial tour tickets will be reserved for kamaaina and retired and active military available on a first-come first-served basis with a Hawaii I.D. or military ID. Narrated one-hour historic Pearl Harbor boat tours will be held at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Seating is limited. Advance reservations are recommended. FMI: 954-8721.

🌟 4 ~ A *keiki* (children’s) holiday party sponsored by the USO for dependents of E-5 and below will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hickam Makai Recreation Center, building 1859, McChord St. RSVP with name, branch of service, rank, phone number and child’s name(s) and age (s) to [RsvpUssoHawaii@gmail.com](mailto:RsvpUssoHawaii@gmail.com). Space is limited to the first 300 children.

🌟 4 and 5 ~ The “Iron Chef” television show is filming on the marina side of Hangar 101 at the Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe. Watch the competition from 9 to 11 a.m. and/or 1 to 4 p.m. on both days. After both of the cooking competitions and announcement of the winners, the Iron Chefs will be available to sign autographs and greet the families at about 4 p.m. on both days. Culinary Specialist 1st Class Michael Downey will compete in a culinary battle against service chefs from the Marine Corps and Army. Downey is an enlisted aide to the commander, Navy Region Hawaii, commander Surface Group Middle Pacific. FMI: 1st Lt. Diann Olson at 257-8870.

🌟 5 ~ Paige Hinkle-Bowles, the principal director, assistant secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy and a member of the senior executive service, will conduct a town hall meeting at 2:30 p.m. at the Hickam Officer’s Club for all Air Force and Navy civilians.

🌟 8 ~ The Boutiki 2011 holiday tour of homes will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. The presale cost is \$18. The event is a self-guided tour of historic homes on Pearl Harbor, Hickam, Makalapa and Ford Island decked out for the holidays. The last day of Boutiki shopping for the year is Dec. 23. FMI: 422-6662.

Movie Showtimes



The Ides of March (R)

The Ides of March takes place during the frantic last days before a heavily contested Ohio presidential primary, when an up-and-coming campaign press secretary finds himself involved in a political scandal that threatens to upend his candidate’s shot at the presidency.

SHARKEY MOVIE THEATER

TODAY

7:00 PM Footloose (PG-13)

SATURDAY

2:30 PM Dolphin Tale (PG)

5:00 PM Dream House (PG-13)

7:15 PM 50/50 (R)

SUNDAY

2:30 PM Dolphin Tale (PG)

5:00 PM The Big Year (PG-13)

7:15 PM The Ides of March (R)

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY

6:00 PM Johnny English (PG)

8:30 PM Footloose (PG-13)

SATURDAY

4:00 PM Real Steel (PG-13)

7:00 PM Paranormal Activity (R)

SUNDAY

2:00 PM Dolphin Tale (PG)

For more movie information, visit [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com).



# MWR kicks off holiday festivities this week

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Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) has begun to roll out the holiday celebration events, with festivities starting this week.

For starters, celebrate the season with holiday traditions at the free 42nd annual Tower Lighting with Tops in Blue starting at 4:30 p.m. tonight at the Freedom Tower Mall.

Festivities include inflatables, snacks and crafts for the children, with a special visit from Santa. Dinners will be available for purchase. The Tower Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m., then Tops in Blue takes the stage at 7:15 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Parking is available within walking distance in the surrounding area. A shuttle will be available to transport customers from 4-7:15 p.m. and from 8:30-9:45 p.m. Pick-up locations will include Hickam Memorial Theater parking lot and Burger King parking lot near the Hickam Exchange.

Attend the Honolulu City Lights opening night from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday.



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Morale, Welfare and Recreation

See the electrical parade and the tree lighting ceremony with the mayor. Kiddie rides, craft and food booths and other entertainment will also be available. Depart from Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT)-Hickam. The cost is \$15 for ages 5 and older, free for children age 4 and younger on laps. For more information, call 448-2295.

A "Holiday Ham Roll" will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 to 16 at the Hickam Bowling Center. Bowl for your chance to win a holiday ham. One entry per person for each

game bowled. Bowl three games and get a fourth entry free. The drawing will be held Dec. 17. Four hams will be given away (one per family or individual.) For more information, call 448-9959.

A free 5K Jingle Bell Run will be held at 7 a.m. Dec. 8 at Wahiawa Annex Fitness Center. Keep fit and reduce holiday stress with a quick 5K run. Giveaways will be provided. Register at the front desk. For more information, call 653-5542.

A Honolulu City Lights trolley tour will be held during the month of December. Tours will depart from ITT-Hickam at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Dec. 8

to 23. They will depart from Bloch Arena at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15, 19, 20, 22 and 23. The cost is \$15 for ages 5 and older, free for children ages 4 and under who must sit on an adult's lap. A stop at Honolulu Hale (city hall) includes a chance to stroll among the exhibits and decorations. The tour concludes with a safe ride back to the base. Seating is limited. For more information, call 473-0792.

The free 5K Jingle Bell Jog will be held at 8 a.m. Dec. 10 at the Hickam Fitness Center. The event is open to all eligible base patrons. Prizes will be awarded to top participants in men's, women's

and children's divisions. For more information, call 448-2214.

A free Polar Bear Plunge will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 10 at Scott Pool.

Take an icy plunge down the inflatable water slide, or take a dip in a frigid ice pool. Prizes will be provided for all participants who can stand the chilly waters of the ice pool. The event includes free frozen treats to all patrons. For more information, call 473-0394.

The Kapakahi Holiday Golf Tournament will be held at 5 p.m. Dec. 10 at Kealohi Golf Course. The cost is \$35 per parent-child team. Sign up by Dec. 6. The event includes a round of golf, prizes, banquet and

awards. It is open to teams consisting of a parent plus child ages 10-16 years old. Register on-line at [www.greatlifehawaii.com](http://www.greatlifehawaii.com). For more information, call 473-0789.

Breakfast and Bowl with Santa will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Dec. 11 at Naval Station Bowling Center. The cost is \$7 per child (ages 2-12 years old). Reservations are required by Dec. 10. Have breakfast with Santa and go bowling with him. Bring a camera for photo opportunities. The price includes breakfast, one game of bowling and shoe rental. Reserve your seat by calling 473-2651. Ask for Santa's helper.

## This Week's Trivia

On Dec. 7, 1941, how many airplanes were on the ground at Hickam Field, the headquarters of the Hawaii Air Force?



**Last Issue's Question:** On Nov. 25, 1943, what happened in the battle of Cape St. George?

**Answer:** Five destroyers of Destroyer Squadron 23 (Capt. Arleigh Burke) intercepted five Japanese destroyers and sank three and damaged one without suffering any damage.